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*Russian Cities*  
KIEV1. Locationa. Administrative

The city is the capital of both Kiev Oblast and the Ukrainian SSR.

2. History

## a. The city's role in World War II:

(1) In October 1941 the German began the reconstruction of the water and power works. TH: According to dispatches in the New York Times at the time of the city's liberation by the Soviets, the Germans destroyed the university, the power plant and many public buildings. The loss of human life under German occupation is estimated by the same source to amount to 50,000 persons.

(2) The city was under German occupation from 19 Sep 1941 to 6 Nov 1943.

On 2 Aug 1943, Generalmajor v. Roemer was in command of the city.

From 20 to 28 Sep 1941, heavy fires were raging throughout the city.

A round-up of the city's Jews began on 27 Sep 1941.

The city appears to have been occupied by Hungarian troops part of the time (1942).

According to records of the Sicherheitspolizei und SD of November 1941, 414 hostages were shot with the approval of the City Commandant in reprisal for an increasing number of arson cases.

3. Population

a. Total number: 846,290 (1939)

11. Miscellany

The following materials may be used to obtain locations of, and in many instances further information on, items requested in paragraphs 5 through 10 of the requirement:

a. Section on Kiev of Führer durch die Sowjet-Union (Guide Through the Soviet Union), published in 1928 by the Neuer Deutscher Verlag, Berlin (GND document)

b. A city map dated 1935 (revised) issued in April 1941 as part of the Militärgeographische Angaben Ukraine by the German Army General Staff, (GND document No H29/192.24 b.)

Sources:

Captured files of German Army field units and the Sicherheitspolizei und SD.

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